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For                         CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING VERTICAL BAG FORMING,  
                             FILLING AND SEALING BAGS  
Art Unit                    Not known  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows:

In the translation serving as Specification:

Page 1, before Paragraph 1 insert